

**Minutes Waukesha County Board-Executive Committee
April 18, 2011, Public Hearing**

Chair Dwyer declared the public hearing opened at 8:30 a.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. Dwyer explained that a public hearing will be conducted by the executive committee of the Waukesha County Board to take public comment on the tentative county supervisory district plan as required by section 59.10 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Committee Members Present:

Jim Dwyer (chair)	Fritz Ruf	Patricia Haukohl	Janel Brandtjen
Dave Swan	Duane Paulson	Jean Tortomasi	

Also Present:

Laurel Walker	County Board Chief of Staff Mark Mader
Supervisor Pamela Meyer	Planning and Zoning Manager Jason Fruth
Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth	Director of Parks and Land Use Dale Shaver
Supervisor Gilbert Yerke	Land Information Systems Manager Don Dittmar
Supervisor Walter Kolb	Rodell Singert
Steve Van Dien	Supervisor Bill Zaborowski
Supervisor Dave Falstad	

Handouts titled *Staff Report for Proposed Year 2011 Redistricting* were distributed. Shaver reviewed the contents pertaining to the criteria used for redistricting and Dittmar reviewed contents pertaining to the staff analysis of the recommended plan. Dittmar declared the redistricting plan meets all of the required recommendations.

Falstad said his current supervisory district (number 1) includes the villages of Lac La Belle and Oconomowoc Lake and city and town of Oconomowoc. In 2008 when the Waukesha County Board downsized from 35 to 25 members, the new district plan eliminated two existing experienced county board supervisors from this area. When he took over the area, he learned the issues, needs and problems specific to the city of Oconomowoc and area lake management districts. Falstad said he represents the city of Oconomowoc well and is aware of the pressing issues. No current supervisors reside in the proposed district for the city of Oconomowoc, which will force the city to once again find a new candidate to represent the area. Three supervisors reside in one of the surrounding proposed districts, pitting supervisors against each other in the next election, eliminating two.

Falstad displayed an alternate map for the northwest corner of the county, which adds 600 residents from the village of Oconomowoc to the proposed district 1 (city of Oconomowoc). He said his proposed plan for this area meets all WCA redistricting criteria: districts of approximately equal size that are compact and contiguous, reflects the political subdivisions and common interests in the area, based on existing districts, keeps existing representatives in their districts and complies with the Voting Rights Act. Falstad's plan eliminates the situation of three current supervisors running against each other in the next election and is least disruptive to the northwest area of the county. Falstad said he has been working with a split in the city for his past term and it is challenging. The proposed district map would not allow him to continue to represent the city of Oconomowoc and he would have to start over in a new district.

Yerke asked if the new districts cross into existing wards? Dittmar explained that municipalities will use the county's proposed district map and census data to redefine their wards.

Dwyer announced the public hearing closed at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janel Brandtjen
Secretary